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Summary Information

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Historical Note

Claquato, originally named Davis Prairie, was founded by Lewis Hawkins Davis in 1852. The name Claquato means "high land" in the Salish language and was the county seat of Lewis County until 1874. After the Union Pacific Railroad bypassed the town, the county seat and most residents moved three miles east to Chehalis, Washington. Though the town was officially vacated in 1902, the Claquato Church, completed in 1858, is the oldest standing building in the state of Washington.

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Biographical Note

Miriam Hazzard was born on December 23, 1842 in Scott County, Indiana to Zepheniah and Marinda Spurgeon. She married William Hazzard (1831-1920) on December 29, 1861 and they had five children: Morton E. (1863-1868), Russell (1866-1921), Minnie (1869-1944), William (1871-1935), and Oliver Perry Morton (1876-1920). She and her family moved from Scott County, Indiana to Claquato, Lewis County, Washington Territory in April, 1882 and she resided there until her death on October 3, 1929.

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Scope and Contents

This collection contains a 6-page letter from Miriam Hazzard to family and friends in Indiana from Claquato, Lewis County, Washington Territory on June 20, 1882. Her letter relates the places she and her family traveled through during their train trip out west in April, 1882. She mentions several times the different snow sheds that the train passed through and that the family suffered "deathly illness" aboard ship traveling from San Fransico, California to Portland, Oregon. Mrs. Hazzard also describes the landscape of Lewis County and the people they met after arriving in Washington Territory.

Arrangement

This collection is arranged chronologically.

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- Hazzard family

Genre(s)

- Correspondence

Geographic Name(s)

- Lewis County (Wash.)
- Scott County (Ind.)
- Washington

Subject(s)

- Family life
- Ocean travel
- Railroads

- Travel
- Voyages and travels